The NCC cadets are involved, during vacations, in a number of social service activities like mass literacy, tree plantation, blood donation, etc. They render help during natural calamities when called upon to do so. They also attend camps meant to promote national integration.

Small scale industries in Orissa

1942. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of small-scale industries (SSI) financed by the State Bank of India in Orissa are sick;

(b) if so, what is the number of such sick units and how much amount has been blocked in such units; ond

(c) whether Government have taken any special steps to realise the amount from these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) State Bank of India has reported that the total number of Small Scale Industrial units financed by it in Orissa which have fallen sick is 2974, involving an amount of Rs. 12.97 crores as at the end of June, 1986.

(c) Legal steps have been taken by the Bank to recover its dues in respect of non-viable sick units.

Assistance given to ex-servicemen

1943. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of ex-servicemen who are living in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government give priority to them in the allotment of house sites and agricultural land;

(c) if so, what are the details of the houses sites and land allotted to them during the last three years; and

(d) what other facilities, concessions or assistance the Central Government/State Govt. are planning to give to these ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) It has been estimated that there are about one lakh Ex-servicemen in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The subject of allotment of houses/house sites and surplus agricultural land falls within the jurisdiction of the State Governments. However, the State Governments have been requested to make reservation of houses/house sites for Ex-Servicemen. They were also requested to allot priority to Ex-Servicemen in the allotment of surplus agricultural land. As per information available with the Ministry of Defence, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has made a reservation of 30 per cent for the Ex-Servicemen in the allotment of houses/house sites. The State Government has made provision for allotment of land to those Defence Personnel who are gallantry award winners and landless ex-servicemen whose monthly pension is less than Rs. 325 per month. The scheme has been in operation since November, 1979.

Details of house sites and land allotted to ex-servicemen during the last three years are not available.

(d) The Ex-servicemen are entitled to a number of concessions and facilities for their resettlements and welfare like reservation of posts under Central Government and Central Public Sector Undertakings and State Governments, relaxation in age and educational qualifications training facilities to get gainful employment, technical and financial assistance in putting up self-employment ventures, canteen